



King County

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West Point Treatment Plant

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King County and Seattle Parks implement the next step in a trial enforcement period at the Discovery Park beach area

During the summer of 2014, King County and the City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation carried out a trial enforcement period to address illegal parking, and to evaluate public use of the beach area near the West Point Treatment Plant. We responded to suggestions from the community by addressing signage, enforcement and education.

Activities carried out in Summer 2014 included:

- **Improving signage** to help people understand the parking permits system and areas of illegal parking.
- **Educating the public** about the plan for Discovery Park to remain a natural area with limited vehicle access.
- **Installing traffic counters** to assess the number and types of vehicles that drove to West Point and the beach area around the clock.
- **Hiring an off-duty police officer** to test whether uniformed enforcement had a long-term impact on behavior.
- **Posting incidents on-line** to document and raise awareness of the types of problems occurring at the beach.

On-site surveys, observations by staff, and input from other users have indicated that these measures have had little effect on illegal parking and other problems.

On April 6, 2015, we will implement the next step in the enforcement process, towing illegally parked vehicles in the emergency access areas adjacent to the beach area.



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Cars illegally parked on the walkways, in the fire lanes, and in the turnaround area will be towed at the owner's expense. The increased enforcement afforded by towing illegally parked vehicles from emergency access lanes will help to protect both park users and the West Point Treatment Plant.

We will evaluate the effectiveness of the towing measure in 9-12 months. At that time, we will determine if further measures are needed to control issues at the Discovery Park Beach area.



(Left) Cars parked in the emergency turnaround on March 8, 2015
(Right) Cars parked on walkway and in fire lane, summer 2014



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